

VA MISSION ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine VA MISSION Act, focusing on implementing the Veterans Community Care Program, after receiving testimony from Richard A. Stone, Executive in Charge, Kameron Matthews, Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Community

Care, and Jennifer MacDonald, VA MISSION Act Lead, all of the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Sharon M. Silas, Acting Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Adrian Atizado, Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.; and Merideth Randles, Milliman, Inc., Seattle, Washington.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 97 public bills, H.R. 2195–2291; and 15 resolutions, H.J. Res. 56; H. Con. Res. 33; and H. Res. 302–314 were introduced. **Pages H3251–56**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3259–60**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cisneros to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3223**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Jesse Bernard Bilberry, Jr., Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, LA. **Page H3223**

Save the Internet Act of 2019: The House passed H.R. 1644, to restore the open internet order of the Federal Communications Commission, by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 167. Consideration began yesterday, April 9th. **Pages H3224–39**

Rejected the Walden motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 204 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 166. **Pages H3237–39**

Agreed to:

Davids (KS) amendment (No. 7 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–37) that requires that within 1 year of enactment, the GAO shall produce a report examining the FCC's efforts to assess competition in the wireline and wireless broadband internet access markets, and how the FCC can better assess competition, and what steps, if any the FCC can take to better increase competition in the wireless and wireline broadband internet access markets; **Pages H3224–26**

Stanton amendment (No. 8 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–37) that directs the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission to engage trib-

al stakeholders and providers to ensure accessible and affordable broadband on tribal lands; **Pages H3226–29**

Trone amendment (No. 9 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–37) that finds that annual FCC reports on the state of broadband deployment are important to fostering further deployment and that Congress relies on the accuracy of these reports; requires that 1) the FCC may not release such a report based on information it knows to be inaccurate and 2) the Commission use its best efforts to ensure all future reports are accurate and to correct past inaccuracies prior to the report's release; **Pages H3229–30**

Brindisi amendment (No. 10 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–37) that requires the GAO to produce a report about the ways in which the U.S. government can promote the deployment of broadband Internet access service, especially to rural areas and areas currently unserved by high-speed broadband access; **Pages H3230–32**

Spanberger amendment (No. 11 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–37) that requires the GAO to determine the accuracy and granularity of broadband maps produced by the FCC, and to submit to Congress a report that identifies programs and actions restored under 2(b) that rely on these maps and that makes recommendations for how the FCC can produce more accurate maps; **Pages H3232–33**

Delgado amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–37) that was debated on April 9th that requires GAO to produce a report, within 1 year, reviewing the benefits to consumers of broadband internet access providers offering broadband internet access service on a standalone basis and what steps Congress can take to increase the availability of standalone broadband internet access service to consumers, particularly those living in rural areas (by a recorded vote of 363 ayes to 60 noes, Roll No. 163); **Page H3235**

Wexton amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–37) that was debated on April 9th that requires the Federal Communications Commission to submit to Congress within 30 days a plan

for how the Commission will evaluate and address problems with the collection on Form 477 of data regarding the deployment of broadband Internet access service (by a recorded vote of 376 ayes to 46 noes, Roll No. 164); and

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McAdams amendment (No. 12 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–37) that affirms that ISPs can still block unlawful content, such as child pornography or copyright-infringing materials (by a recorded vote of 423 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 165).

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H. Res. 294, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1644) and (H.R. 2021) was agreed to yesterday, April 9th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 12th.

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Investigative Subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members of the House to be available to serve on investigative subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics for the 116th Congress: Representatives Bonamici, Higgins (NY), Keating, Krishnamoorthi, Perlmutter, Raskin, Sewell (AL), Soto and Titus.

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Investigative Subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative McCarthy, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following Members of the House to be available to serve on investigative subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics for the 116th Congress: Representatives Flores, Rose (TN), Olson, Wagner, Katko, Cline, Huizenga, Rouzer, Rutherford and Hartzler.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Somalia that was declared on April 12, 2010 is to continue in effect beyond April 12, 2019—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–27).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3235, H3236, H3236–37, H3238–39, and H3239. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Chairman McGovern, and Represent-

atives Escobar, Carter of Georgia, Johnson of Louisiana, Williams, Scanlon, Khanna, and Rouda.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR FARMERS THROUGH SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Economic Opportunities for Farmers through Sustainable Agricultural Practices”. Testimony was heard from Kevin Norton, Acting Associate Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Transportation. Testimony was heard from Elaine L. Chao, Secretary, Department of Transportation.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of the Navy”. Testimony was heard from Richard Spencer, Secretary of the Navy, U.S. Navy; Admiral John Richardson, Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy; and General Robert Neller, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Education”. Testimony was heard from Betsy DeVos, Secretary, Department of Education.

INVESTING IN AMERICA’S ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE: IMPROVING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CREATING A DIVERSE WORKFORCE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Investing in America’s Energy Infrastructure: Improving Energy Efficiency and Creating a Diverse Workforce”. Testimony was heard from Daniel R. Simmons, Assistant Secretary, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; and James E.